

Director, Water, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Dan Ayres, Coastal Shellfish Lead Biologist, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD AND FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION BUDGET REQUESTS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Budgets for the U.S. Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant; and Master Chief Franklin A. Welch, USCG, Master Chief Petty Officer; and Steven Blust, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

Prior to the hearing, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

#### OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs: What are the needs, and how to meet those needs. Testimony was heard from Tim Martin, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003.

#### HOT SPOTS BRIEFING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### FUTURE IMAGERY ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Future Imagery Architecture Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the posture of U.S. Joint Forces Command and the role of joint experimentation in force transformation, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004, 9:30 a.m., SR-22.

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

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#### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 17 through March 22, 2003

##### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate expects to begin consideration of the First Concurrent Budget Resolution.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a vote to occur on the motion to invoke cloture.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of the First Concurrent Budget Resolution, and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

##### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 20, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vernon Bernard Parker, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 18, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine Base Realignment and Closure, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 19, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

March 20, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Agriculture Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 18, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.